

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

AUTHORIZING THE USE OF THE ROTUNDA AND GROUNDS OF THE CAPITOL FOR A CEREMONY TO AWARD THE CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL TO TENZIN GYATSO, THE FOURTEENTH DALAI LAMA

SPEECH OF

HON. SHEILA JACKSON-LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 4, 2007

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H. Con. Res. 196, which authorizes the use of the Rotunda grounds of the Capitol for a ceremony to award the Congressional Gold Medal to Tenzin Gyatso, the Fourteenth Dalai Lama. I would like to thank Congressman Brady for introducing this bill to honor such an inspirational and charismatic person who has touched the lives of millions around the world.

The Congressional Gold Medal is the highest expression of national appreciation for exceptional service and for lifetime contributions. The medal has been awarded to individuals from all walks of life. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Coretta Scott King, Pope John Paul II, the Navajo Code Talkers, Rosa Parks, Frank Sinatra, and Elie Wiesel are among those who have been honored. The Dalai Lama is well qualified to join the list of individuals who have received this most distinguished of honors.

Tenzin Gyatso, the Fourteenth Dalai Lama, is recognized in the United States and throughout the world as a leading figure of moral and religious authority. He is the unrivaled spiritual and cultural leader of the Tibetan people, and has used his leadership to promote democracy, freedom, and peace for the Tibetan people through a negotiated settlement of the Tibet issue, based on autonomy within the People's Republic of China.

This Dalai Lama has led the effort to preserve the rich cultural, religious, and linguistic heritage of the Tibetan people and to promote the safeguarding of other endangered cultures throughout the world.

For his efforts on behalf of humanity, this Dalai Lama was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1989. His efforts to promote peace and non-violence around the globe, and to find democratic reconciliation for the Tibetan people through his "Middle Way" approach, has won him world-wide acclaim.

This Dalai Lama has significantly advanced the goal of greater understanding, tolerance, harmony, and respect among the different religious faiths of the world through interfaith dialogue and outreach to other religious leaders and, perhaps most important, he has used his moral authority to promote the concept of universal responsibility as a guiding tenet for how human beings should treat one another and the planet we share.

For these reasons, I strongly support H. Con. Res. 196 and urge my colleagues to join me in voting to authorize the use of the Ro-

tunda grounds of the Capitol for a ceremony to award the Congressional Gold Medal to Tenzin Gyatso, the Fourteenth Dalai Lama.

HONORING SHARON K. HAHS

HON. RAHM EMANUEL

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 10, 2007

Mr. EMANUEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Sharon K. Hahs on her installation as President of Northeastern Illinois University.

Dr. Hahs has displayed a lifelong commitment to education and academics, and is well suited for her new role. Prior to her service at Northeastern Illinois University, she was Dean of the School of Humanities and Sciences at the University of South Carolina at Spartanburg, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville, Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs at Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville, and Professor of Chemistry at Metropolitan State College in Denver, Colorado.

For over 140 years, Northeastern Illinois University has been providing excellent educational opportunities to students from Chicago and around the country. As one of the most diverse student bodies in America, the University provides a rich melting pot of experience and interaction. With a curriculum of over eighty undergraduate and graduate majors, Northeastern Illinois University offers a wide tapestry of academic opportunity. And with a historical emphasis on teacher education, the University produces a significant number of Chicago's vital public school teachers.

Undoubtedly, Dr. Hahs will not only contribute to Northeastern Illinois University's proud legacy of academics, but also expand the University's ability to educate young minds and shape Chicagoans into spirited and productive members of society.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the Fifth Congressional District of Illinois, I congratulate Sharon Hahs on her lengthy and influential career, her recent selection as President of NEIU, and her many outstanding contributions to education. I wish Mrs. Hahs and NEIU continued success as they work to enhance the University's already sterling reputation.

CONGRATULATING MR. JACKSON CAIN

HON. THOMAS G. TANCREDO

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 10, 2007

Mr. TANCREDO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to one of my constituents, Mr. Jackson Cain of Littleton, Colorado, who

will attend a People to People World Leadership Forum in 2008. His outstanding academic merits and communal involvement have laid a solid foundation of individual integrity and dedication: both characteristics of a qualified leader. I am honored to represent such a promising young man.

Created in 1956, the People to People Program is an educational travel program dedicated to fostering leadership potential in youth worldwide. People to People has helped more than 200,000 students and professionals develop their leadership skills based upon Dwight D. Eisenhower's belief that "people can make a difference where governments cannot." This unique interaction and exposure will enable Mr. Cain to gain a greater understanding and insider's perspective of Washington, DC.

Madam Speaker, it is my distinct pleasure to acknowledge one of Colorado's own. Please join me in congratulating Mr. Cain and wishing him the best in his future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING MR. ERIC LANGHORST FOR THE 2007-2008 MISSOURI TEACHER OF THE YEAR AWARD

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 10, 2007

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Mr. Eric Langhorst, of Liberty, Missouri. Mr. Eric Langhorst is the recipient of the 2007-2008 Missouri Teacher of the Year Award.

Mr. Eric Langhorst has been an educator for fourteen years. For the past seven years, he has taught history at South Valley Junior High School in order to effectively communicate with his students, Mr. Langhorst incorporates technology, debate, and guest speakers into the curriculum.

Mr. Eric Langhorst currently serves as the social studies department chairperson for South Valley Junior High School as well as being on the district's technology team. In addition, he also serves on the Clay County Board of Directors.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in honoring Mr. Eric Langhorst, whose dedication and service to the people of Liberty has been truly exceptional.

RECOGNITION OF THE RAMADAN CELEBRATION

HON. PETER J. ROSKAM

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 10, 2007

Mr. ROSKAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the commencement of Ramadan, the Muslim holy month of introspection, fasting and spiritual renewal.

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